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THE HONORABLE JEFF MERKLEY
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
United States Senate
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Merkley:

This letter transmits the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Committee's request, in House Report 117-83, that the Forest Service provide a report that explains the vegetation management actions that are being taken to address the threat of wildfires and how this work will support the goals of the 10-year wildfire strategy.

In compliance with Public Law 117-328 Section 7016, after 45 days, this report will be posted to the Forest Service website https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/budget-performance.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary

Enclosure